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25X1X 1. General Radu Cornea, recipient of high military honors from the Rumanian and German governments during the war, has been arrested.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] General Cornea, who has always been in close contact with leaders of the Iron Guard, recently approached a group of well known Legionnaires (Iron Guard) with the proposal that they join him in a so-called Christian-Nationalist movement for which he claimed to have American support. Nita Nedelcu, who spoke for the Legionnaire group, is reported to have replied that his colleagues would be willing to cooperate only if the Americans were prepared to wage war at any cost; and then, only if war were actually imminent. He was not ready to place faith in the alleged American support and has since stated that the arrest of Cornea is justification of this attitude.

3. It is expected that Cornea's trial will be based on his alleged contacts with Americans in Rumania. In support of this contention several recently arrested Legionnaires, among whom subject spoke freely of his alleged American support, will probably be brought in to testify against him.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: General Cornea won fame during World War II in the Crimea. He is known to have enjoyed the confidence of the Germans who awarded him the Iron Cross with diamonds. Although he was arrested early in 1945 as a war criminal, subject was not tried.)

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